



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Forest Service**  
**Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest**  
**WINTHROP, WA**

**BLUE LAKE FIRE Closure**

**Closure Order: 06-17-04-23-17**

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Methow Valley Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This Order supersedes Order # 06-17-04-23-11, dated August 18, 2023, signed by Forest Supervisor Kristin Bail. This Order is effective September 7, 2023 through November 30, 2023, unless rescinded sooner.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

- 1.Entering into or being upon National Forest System lands**, as described below and displayed on the attached map, Exhibit A [36 CFR § 261.53(e)].
- 2.Being on a National Forest System trail**, as described below and displayed on the attached map, Exhibit A [36 CFR § 261.55(a)].
- 3.Being on a National Forest System Road** as described below and displayed on the attached map, Exhibit A [36 CFR § 261.54(e)].

**CLOSURE AREA DESCRIPTION:**

The Fire Emergency Area Closure is defined as follows:

The closure area boundary begins at the junction of State Route 20 and Forest Service Road (FSR) 5310600 Rainy Pass (PCT North) Trailhead in T35N R17E S22, and then follows the eastern edge of the road to the Chelan County / Skagit County border. The closure follows this county boundary northeast over Cutthroat Peak to T35N R17E S14 and the boundary of Okanogan and Chelan Counties. It then follows the Okanogan / Chelan County boundary east to T35N R18E S18 and then south to the intersection of FSR 5310500 Washington Pass Overlook in T35N R18E S19. It then follows the western edge of the road and overlook to the intersection with SR20. The closure area then follows SR20 to the intersection with the Okanogan and Chelan County boundaries, and resumes following the county boundary south. The closure follows the county boundary south until it intersects with the National Park Service (NPS) boundary at Switchblade Peak at 7,750 feet in T35N R18E S31. The closure then follows the NPS boundary west to a prominent ridge just west of Black Peak at 7,680 feet in T35N R16E S13. It then proceeds northeast along the highpoint of the ridge to Blackbeard Peak at 7,241 in

T35N R17E S18. It then follows a direct bearing northwest to the intersection with SR20 in T35N R17E S17. The closure area then follows SR20 back to the starting point at the intersection of SR20 and Forest Service Road (FSR) 5310600 Rainy Pass (PCT North) Trailhead in T35N R17E S22.

Trail No. 585 Washington Pass Overlook, FSR 5310500 Washington Pass Overlook, FSR 5310600 Rainy Pass (PCT North) and State Route 20 are not included in this closure order.

The following roads and trails are included in this closure order:

### **Roads Closed**

- FSR 5310510 Blue Lake Trailhead
- FSR 5310520 Bridge Creek Trailhead
- FSR 5310700 Rainy Pass Picnic Area Trailhead

### **Trails Closed**

- Trail No. 2000 Pacific Crest Trail, from boundary of North Cascades National Park north to the junction with State Route 20
- Trail No. 310 Rainy Lake
- Trail No. 314 Blue Lake
- Trail No. 426 Copper Pass
- Trail No. 740 Maple Pass
- Trail No. 740.1 Lake Ann
- Trail No. 727 Liberty Bell
- Trail No. 727A Beckey Spur
- Trail No. 727B N Early Winters Spur
- Trail No. 2172 Stiletto Spur

**See Exhibit A for closure map.**

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for a corporation, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. (16 USC § 551; 18 USC §§ 3551, 3571, and 3581.)

Executed in Wenatchee, Washington this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.